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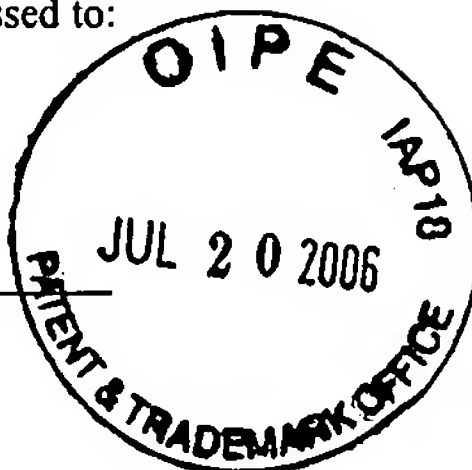
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Varadi *et al.*

Application No.: 10/816,099

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For: KITS FOR MEASURING
THROMBIN GENERATION

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Examiner: Rosanne Kosson

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AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR
CONTINUED EXAMINATION UNDER
37 C.F.R. § 1.114

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed January 31, 2006, Applicants respectfully submit the following Request for Continued Examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114. A petition for a three-month extension of time to extend the period of response to on or before July 31, 2006 accompanies this RCE.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.